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WELCOME TO THE PLANET **MOBIUS**-- A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE **SEGA** GAMES! THE BABYLON ROGUES AND THE RUTHLESS BATTLE BIRD ARMADA HAVE WROUGHT DESTRUCTION UPON **NEW MOBOTROPOLIS** IN THEIR QUEST FOR THE BABYLON GARDEN BURIED DEEP BENEATH THE CITY. WILL THEY ACHIEVE THEIR SINISTER GOALS, AND WILL THEY WEATHER THE WRATH OF A CERTAIN BLUE HEDGEHOG WHOSE HOME-TOWN THEY'RE BLOWING TO SMITHEREENS?

BABYLON RISING

PART 4: RESURRECTION

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IXIS NAUGUS EVIL WIZARD KING

?

OUR HOME!

THOSE MONSTERS!

WHERE IS KING NAUGUS?

WHY DIDN'T NICOLE STOP THEM?

ROTOR, WAS NICOLE TRANSFERRED TO FREEDOM HQ?

ROTOR
COUNCILOR AND FREEDOM FIGHTER

ELIAS
DEPOSED KING

FIRST THE IRON DOMINION, THEN EGGMAN, NOW THIS! WHAT GOOD IS THAT HOLOGRAM ANYWAY?

I HOPE SO, YOUR HIGHNESS.

CAN WE REBUILD WITHOUT HER?

IF WE COULD ONLY RETURN TO KNOT-HOLE!

I COULD RUN THE NANITES WITHOUT HER, BUT IT WOULD BE SLOW AND DIFFICULT. THE QUESTION IS: WILL THE PUBLIC LET ME DO IT?

BACK TO BASICS! BRICK AND MORTAR!

BABYLON ROGUES
TREASURE HUNTING OPPORTUNISTS

THAT IS ONE BIG HOLE.

BABYLON GARDEN IS AT THE BOTTOM. OUR DESTINY.

AND IF THE BATTLE LORD THINKS I'M JUST GONNA HAND IT OVER TO HIM...

...HE'S GOT ANOTHER THINK COMIN'!

SPEEDY SON OF THE CHIEF

BATTLE LORD CHIEF OF THE ARMADA

COO COO HOO HOO HOO!! A RESOUNDING VICTORY!!

WE HAVE AVENGED OURSELVES AND UNCOVERED THE BABYLON GARDEN!

THE ROGUES NEED ONLY TO USE THE KEY TO BRING OUR DESTINY TO FRUITION!

NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HERO OF MOBIUS

SO YOU MADE A FOOL OUT OF ME AND BLEW UP MY TOWN.

OOF!

OW!

SO YOU PUT EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT IN JEOPARDY.

AS LONG AS YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT, IT'S ALL COOL, RIGHT?

RIGHT! I'M GLAD YOU SEE IT MY WAY.

DUDE, YOU *SO TOTALLY* DON'T GET SARCASM.

POW

NO GRAVITY STOPPER DOOHICKEY THIS TIME?

GUESS YOU AREN'T QUICK ENOUGH ON THE DRA--

KWOWM

NEITHER ARE YOU, TRUE BLUE.

LET'S MOVE BEFORE THE GRAVITY FIELD WEARS OFF AND PINHEAD HERE PUTS HIS SPINES WHERE THEY'RE NOT WANTED!

"GEE, THANKS FOR THE HELP THERE, WAVE!"

"NO PROBLEM, JET! JUST DOING MY PART FOR THE TEAM!"

YEAH, YEAH. YOU'RE A REAL LIFE SAVER.

YOU KNOW, IT'S TOO BAD. ONCE WE USE THIS KEY, I WON'T GET TO USE THAT TRICK ANYMORE.

YEARS OF SEARCHING HAVE PAID OFF! WE'RE ACTUALLY IN THE BABYLON GARDEN!

DEFINITELY NO FLOWERS. LOTS OF METAL, THOUGH.

OOOH! IS THAT A GAMEBIRD ADVANCE? CAN I PLAY?

NO, IT'S MY OMNI LINK SCANNER. PATENT PENDING.

THESE READINGS INDICATE THAT THE *GARDEN* IS A VESSEL OF SOME KIND!

A VESSEL? LIKE THAT THING ON JET'S HEAD WHEN I TALK TOO MUCH?

SHE MEANS A *SHIP*, BIRDBRAIN.

DIRECTLY AHEAD LOOKS LIKE THE MAIN CONTROL CENTER.

THIS IS IT.

WE SIMPLY PUT THE PIECES OF THE KEY TOGETHER, AND THE NEXT STEP IS ETERNAL--

--GLORY?

KER-KLIK

hmmMMMM

THANK YOU.

MY IGNITION MATRIX WAS REMOVED A MILLENNIUM AGO.

PREVIOUS NAVIGATIONAL ROUTINE MAY NOW RESUME.

ZZZZZZZZZZ

WHAT WAS YOUR PREVIOUS NAVI--

KRASH

SO THIS PILE OF JUNK IS WHAT YOU HAD TO BLOW UP NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS FOR?

HEY, BLOWING UP YOUR TOWN WAS JUST ICING ON THE CAKE!

THIS "PILE OF JUNK" IS PROOF THAT I ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING NO ONE ELSE COULD.

YOU ACCOMPLISHED ?!!

YOU NEEDED *THESE TWO* AND THE WHOLE ARMADA TO DIG THIS THING UP!

WHAT IS IT, ANYWAY? AND WHY IN THE NAME OF *CHILI DOGS* DID NICOLE BUILD RIGHT ON TOP OF IT?!

EGG

THE PROGRAM NICOLE DID NOT BUILD THE NANITE CITY. SHE HAD NEVER PROBED TO THIS DEPTH AND THUS NEVER DETECTED MY PRESENCE.

THE CITY WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE PROGRAM **A.D.A.M.** HE DETECTED MY SYSTEMS AND INTENDED TO TAP INTO THEM TO EXPEDITE THE TRANSPORT OF MYSTIC GEMS ACROSS THE VAST REACHES OF SPACE.

WHAT? THOSE CHAOS EMERALDS WERE SPREAD ACROSS THE GALAXY. HOW COULD YOU HAVE HELPED?

I AM EQUIPPED WITH A WORM-HOLE GENERATOR THAT CREATES SHORTCUTS ACROSS SPACE-TIME. HOWEVER, MY SYSTEMS COULD NOT BE ACCESSED WITHOUT THE IGNITION MATRIX, SO **A.D.A.M.** SOUGHT OTHER METHODS.*

*SEE *STH* #152, 168 AND 169 FOR THE FULL STORY!

SO THIS IS A SPACESHIP?

AFFIRMATIVE.

MORE ALIEN LOSERS. JUST WHAT THIS PLANET NEEDS!

SO WHO REMOVED YOUR KEY, YOUR "IGNITION MATRIX," AND WHY?

IT WAS REMOVED BY THE BABYLONIANS DUE TO AN IRREPARABLE MALFUNCTION IN THE WORMHOLE GENERATOR THAT WOULD CAUSE THE CREATION OF A BLACK HOLE IF USED. DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANET WOULD RESULT. THEY REFUSED THAT RESPONSIBILITY, AND SETTLED ON THIS WORLD.

THE SHIP AND THE MATRIX WERE HIDDEN TO PREVENT THIS OCCURRENCE IN THE FUTURE.

ASTOUNDING! IF THESE BABYLONIANS SETTLED ON MOBIUS, THEN THAT MEANS...

YOU GUYS ARE THE ALIEN LOSERS!

HEY!

OW! THIS GUY IS POINTY!

ALIENS?

WITH THE IGNITION MATRIX RESTORED, I WILL PROCEED TO ORBIT FOR OPTIMAL GRAVITATIONAL BALANCE AND INITIATE WORMHOLE JUMP. I SUGGEST THE EVACUATION OF THE PLANET, AS IT WILL BE DESTROYED.

WHAT?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

RRUMMMBLE

THE BABYLON GARDEN! *AT LAST!* BUT WHERE IS IT GOING?!

QUICKLY! GRAPPLE IT WITH THE ANCHORS!

WHERE IT GOES, WE GO!!

AYE, AYE, SIR!

KHOOM

KHOOM

KTANG

ROOOSH

DOCTOR! CAN YOU CONTACT THE ROGUES?

NO RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATIONS!

DOCTOR FUKUROKOV CHIEF ENGINEER

JET! HE'S TAKING THE GARDEN FOR *HIMSELF!*

SPEEDY, MY SON! OUR DESTINY IS SLIPPING AWAY! BOARD THE GARDEN AND DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!

YES, FATHER.

I WONDER HOW MANY WEEKS I'D GET IN THE BRIG FOR SAYING "I TOLD YOU SO!"

UM, CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE SHIP'S AUTOPILOT IS GOING TO OPEN A BLACK HOLE THAT WILL SWALLOW MOBIUS!

THE LIGHTLESS BLACK...*

*MENTIONED IN SU #33

POW

THANKS FOR WAKING UP THE DOOMSDAY MACHINE, GENIUS! LET ME PUT IT BACK TO SLEEP... PERMANENTLY!

NO!! I NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BABYLON!

SLAM

AU--AUTO-PILOT! I...I AM A... DESCENDANT OF BABYLON! I ORDER YOU TO STOP!

ORDER DENIED. YOU LACK SUFFICIENT SECURITY CLEARANCE. I MUST RETURN TO HOMEWORLD FOR REPAIRS.

HOMEWORLD?! WAVE--! COULD YOU REPROGRAM THIS THING?

MAYBE, BUT IT WILL TAKE TIME. MY READINGS SHOW THAT WE ONLY HAVE *MINUTES* BEFORE THE WORMHOLE JUMP!

IF WE DON'T GET THAT KEY OUT *NOW*, MOBIUS IS DONE FOR!

ALLOW ME!

NO, ALLOW *ME!*

WELL, JET...IT LOOKS LIKE THE "*GREAT DESTINY*" YOU AND MY DAD HAVE BEEN CHASING IS ABOUT TO BLOW UP IN ALL OUR FACES.

MAYBE I SHOULD LEAVE THE KEY WHERE IT IS, AND LET YOU BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DOOM OF AN ENTIRE WORLD. HOW'D THAT BE FOR A "GREAT DESTINY"?

Nah. I'D RATHER SAVOR YOUR DEFEAT. DAD IS GOING TO PLUCK YOU BALD AND I'LL BE HAILED AS THE SAVIOR OF MOBIUS. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PULL OUT THIS--

KEY?

WARNING.

YOU BIRDS ARE LUCKY I'M THE GOOD GUY.

WARNING.

IF I WEREN'T, I'D MAKE SURE YOU JERKS COULDN'T FLY OUT OF HERE BEFORE THIS HEAP COMES CRASHING DOWN.

WARNING.

EXIT

SMASH!

NO!

LOSS OF POWER TO ENGINES. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING. CRASH LANDING IMMINENT.

I'D LIKE TO STAY AND MAKE STUFFING OUT OF YOU TURKEYS...

...BUT I NEED TO GET BACK TO MAKE SURE MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALL OKAY!

EXIT

IF ANYONE *ISN'T* OKAY, THEN YOU'D BETTER HOPE YOU CAN RUN FASTER THAN ME.

WHOOO

SIR! WE'RE TETHERED TO THE GARDEN! WE'RE GOING DOWN WITH IT!

ALL HANDS... ABANDON SHIP!

BRIDGE POD EJECT

THE ROGUES WILL PAY FOR THIS TREACHERY.

THEY.

WILL.

PAY.

SOON...

SONIC! YOU'RE ALIVE!

HEY, SONIC! WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. HOW'S EVERY-THING HERE?

NO CASUALTIES. BUT NAUGUS POPPED OUT OF A SHADOW A FEW MINUTES AGO, AND HE'S BEEN ACTING KINDA *WEIRD.*

...SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

Peh! SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

I DIRECTED THE NANITES FROM MY SUIT TO START THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY. BUT WITH-OUT NICOLE, IT WILL BE AN ARDUOUS PROCESS.

WHERE *IS* NICOLE?

SHE UPLOADED HERSELF TO FREEDOM HQ.*

SHE MAY BE STUCK THERE FOR AWHILE.

*LAST ISSUE.

C'MON, LITTLE BRO.!

NOW THAT I KNOW EVERYONE'S SAFE, WE BOTH HAVE A *SCORE* TO SETTLE...

"...WITH SOME ALIEN LOSERS."

GEEZ. DO YOU THINK THEY'RE ALL OKAY?!

I DOUBT A LITTLE THING LIKE CRASHING INTO A MOUNTAIN WILL STOP THE BATTLE LORD.

SO WE'RE DESCENDED FROM ALIENS?

THAT'S HEAVY.

YEAH. IT REALLY CHANGES THINGS.

'CUZ NOW I GOTTA PROVE I'M THE FASTEST THING IN THE *UNIVERSE!*

LOOKS LIKE JET'S DESTINY DIDN'T TURN OUT LIKE HE PLANNED. OR MAYBE HE JUST HASN'T FOUND IT YET. AND WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA? IT'S HARD TO KEEP A GOOD VILLAIN DOWN. COME BACK NEXT MONTH TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BIGGEST BADDIE IN THE **SONIC UNIVERSE** IS UP TO, AS DR. EGGMAN WHIPS UP TROUBLE IN "**SCRAMBLED**"! AND CHECK OUT **SONIC** the **HEDGEHOG #233** TO SEE HOW OUR HEROES DEAL WITH THE AFTERMATH OF BABYLON'S RISING!

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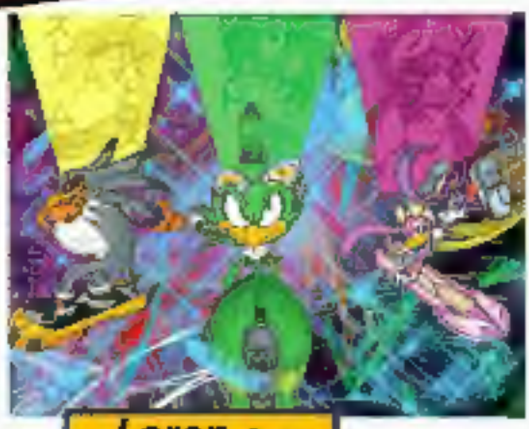

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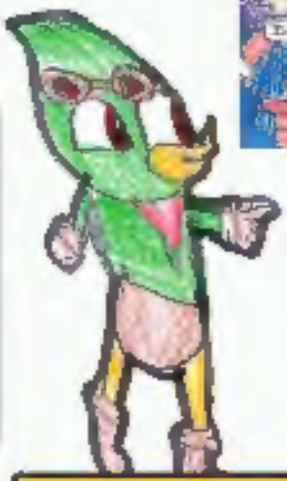

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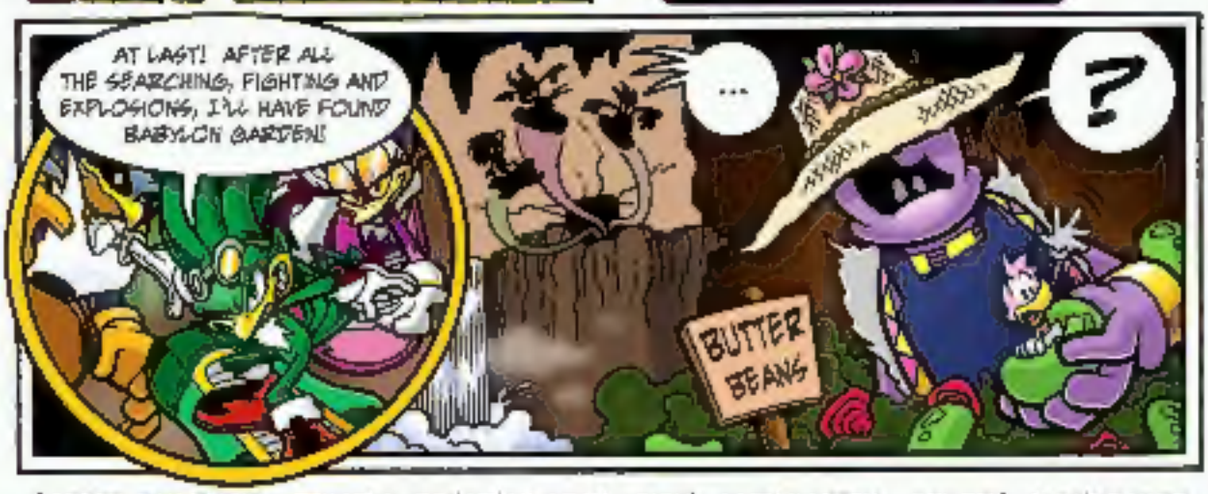

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EGGMAN ARC
BEGINS NEXT MONTH IN...

SCRAMBLED
PART I (of 4)

EGGMAN UNLEASHES THE GRAND MASTERS OF THE DARK EGG LEGION! SNIVELY BETTER START RUNNING NOW!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 2/21/12!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 233

WANT ANSWERS?

YOU GOT 'EM!

THE TRIAL OF THE CENTURY BEGINS, AND THE SLY SKUNK TELLS ALL IN...

"TRIAL OF THE TRAITOR"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 02/07/12

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hi, this is my first time writing to you guys and I have only read #225 and #226 in Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Archives 1, 2, 8, half of 9 and I'm working on the 3rd in SU.

Wow! That's a lot of Sonic!

I have a few questions, one about Genesis.

Genesis? What's that? :)

1. What happened with Sonic in Genesis did they get sent to the Sonic games reality?

Kind of, but not exactly. Eggman reset the world in hopes to change the "chaos factor" that Sonic represents. If Eggman couldn't defeat Sonic in this reality, well he simply tried to make his own! The world Eggman made with the "Cosmic reset button" closely resembles the Genesis Sonic games.

Well that's all for now, ciao!
Sonic's #1 fan,

Dylan G.
from Georgia

"Chao", Dylan!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I'm enjoying the "Babylon Rising" arc so far, but I'm having a bit of a conflict here.

Just like the Battle Bird Armada, Jet and Sonic!

I find myself enjoying the antagonists far more than the protagonists. Unfortunately it seems that the Battle Bird Armada seem to be much more interesting and likeable than the Babylon Rogues.

The hover boards, Duke, the hover boards!

I've heard the same complaint by some of the fan base, and I have to agree with that diagnosis. The Rogues are a pretty difficult bunch to like, and after the Tails Adventure arc, the Battle Birds have become fan favorites.

The Battle Bird Armada is certainly an interesting group. It's not every day you see a giant flying fortress as epic as theirs! But I'm sure you'll see the Rogues in a different light after this issue! Jet has got a lot to think about, and where the Rogues go from here is anyone's guess!

Otherwise, I'm really really loving this arc and can't wait to see what happens next! Babylon Garden is under New Mobotropolis? Who would have guessed?

A.D.A.M., perhaps?

Keep on Juicin'!

Stephen C.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks Stephen!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
What is the orange gem that looks suspiciously like a Sol emerald that Silver uses?

Silver uses a Time Stone to travel back in time in SU#25-28'S "The Silver Saga", which does indeed vaguely resemble a Sol Emerald!

Please put this into the comic because I have tried several times and it never got in.

Matt R.
from Tennessee

You got it! Thanks Matt!

Hope you all enjoyed "Babylon Rising". Coming up next is Eggman's egg-squisite story arc, "Scrambled". Until then, be sure to check out the all new Sonic Super Special Magazine!

See y'all next month! Same Sonic time, same Sonic comic book!

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